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SUBJECT: EXBS: TURKEY ADVISORS MONTHLY REPORT- (AUGUST 2005)

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11. Summary: EXBS Advisor continued to monitor the NP projects that are underway in Turkey, including Internal Control Program (ICP), Commodity Identification Training (CIT), Product Identification Tool (PIT) and Second Line of Defense (SLD). Work continued to progress despite being in the middle of the summer holiday season for most Turkish Government officials. EXBS Advisor also coordinated Turkish participation in several events including a PSI workshop, Border Security Workshop and several NP conferences.

12. Completed Actions for the Reporting Period

1A. Site Assessment and Meetings During Recent Reporting Period

1) August 2 - EXBS Advisor met with Department Head for Customs Enforcement Ender Gurleyik to review EXBS program work with the Turkish Customs and prepare for expansion of EXBS activities following the upcoming ratification of the NP Cooperation Agreement. Equipment, training and joint cooperation activities were discussed. Additionally, Gurleyik reviewed recent cases, cooperation activities with other countries in the efforts to improve Turkish Customs procedures. Finally, the status of plans to upgrade the Habur Gate border crossing with Iraq was reviewed. Installation of the upgraded SLD equipment during the upgrade would decrease the disruption of border activities that could occur if the work was done following the upgrade project; efforts will be made to try to incorporate this factor into the overall SLD project once the NP Cooperation Agreement is ratified by the Turkish Parliament.

2) August 5 - EXBS Advisor met with Turkish Atomic Energy Authority (TAEK) Nuclear Safety Department Head Aysun Yucel. EXBS Advisor and Yucel reviewed the current status of the CIT milestones and upcoming events. Yucel agreed that September would be a good time for the CIT Refresher course and next review of the project with DOE INECP personnel. EXBS Advisor reviewed information which was obtained during stateside consultation in regards to cooperation between the United States and Turkey in the area of Nuclear Threat Reduction. EXBS Advisor expressed the desire of the United States to have the President of TAEK attend the September 12-14 border security workshop in Amman Jordan. This workshop would be a good time for TAEK President to meet his counter-parts in Jordan and Iraq and to discuss areas of common interest. (Note: TAEK President will not attend this workshop due to scheduling conflicts. A meeting between the Iraqi, Jordanian and Turkish Atomic Energy leaders will be rescheduled at a later date and location.)

3) August 10 - EXBS Advisor accompanied Economic Counselor and Commercial Attaché at the initial Embassy courtesy visit to the new Acting Undersecretary of Customs Cihat Ancin. EXBS Advisor outlined in general the various NP Cooperation projects that are in progress between the United States and Turkey, including the SLD, CIT and PIT. EXBS Advisor explained that following the ratification of the NP Cooperation Agreement by the Turkish Parliament, there could be a significant increase in activity including the purchasing of equipment and the design and installation of SLD equipment at border crossings. Ancin informed the EmbOff that the modernization project for the Habur Gate crossing is scheduled to begin in early September and should take approximately 15 months to complete. EXBS Advisor informed Ancin that it would be helpful to have the SLD project install the monitors at Habur during this project, so as to limit both disruption at the border and decrease costs. Ancin agreed and told EmbOffs that he would look into seeing what Customs could do to encourage MFA to seek ratification of the Agreement quickly.

4) August 16- EXBS Advisor met with MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Head of Department Osman Yavuzalp to conduct monthly update meeting on all current projects in progress in Turkey. Yavuzalp informed EXBS Advisor that the support package for the NP Cooperation Agreement has been completed and submitted with the Agreement to Parliament for

approval. Approval is expected in September or early October at the latest. Finally, EXBS Advisor discussed Turkey's involvement in PSI and inquired as to any effect the recently announced changes in TGS could effect Turkish PSI activities.

Yavuzalp stated that with the new interministerial council for PSI, Turkey's involvement towards PSI should be more consistent and focused.

EXBS Advisor met with Department Head for Customs Enforcement Mehmet Guzel to review EXBS program work with the Turkish Customs, including CIT, PIT, and Risk Management Workshop. Guzel informed EXBS Advisor that there have been several changes within the Turkish Customs and some of his interagency contacts for this projects have changed. This could slow down the progress on some of the projects but should not have any other negative impact. EXBS Advisor reviewed the potential upcoming U.S. Customs and Border Protection visit, outlining the purpose and the goals for the visit. A more detailed itinerary will be developed later. Finally, EXBS Advisor and Guzel discussed the importance of properly monitoring the upcoming modernization of several of the Turkish Border crossings in an attempt to install the new SLD equipment during these modernization projects.

1B. Training Conducted During Reporting Period: None

1C. Equipment Delivered During Reporting Period: None

1D. Imminent Training or Equipment Status Update: None

1E. Significant Developments in Export Controls, Nonproliferation, or Related Border Security: None

13. Future Activities

1A. Sep 19- 23- DOE NNSA to conduct CIT Refresher Course

1B. Oct 11-14- EXBS Advisor to attend Black Sea/Caspian Sea Workshop in Baku with Turkish Coast Guard delegation

1C. Oct 23-29- CITS/UGA visit to Turkey to conduct evaluation of Turkish export control system.

14. Red Flag Issues: None

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